

The Care and Cleaning of Aluminum Railing

1. What is the best way to remove normal dirt and debris from my aluminum railing?

Not only is aluminum durable, it's low maintenance. The water from seasonal rain showers is typically sufficient to keep aluminum railing clean. If a more thorough cleaning is necessary, fill a bucket with hot water and dish soap and wipe the aluminum down with a rag.

Tip: For the best results, it is best to choose an overcast and cool day (55°-75°).

2. Can I use a power washer on my aluminum railing?

Yes, using a power washer is often the quickest way to clean aluminum.

3. Is there a cleaning solution I can use on hard-to-remove dirt or mildew?

For hard-to-remove dirt, such as soot and grime found in industrial areas, wipe the railing down with a solution consisting of:

- a. 1/3 cup powdered detergent (such as Tide, All or Gain)
- b. 2/3 cup of household cleaner (such as Simple Green or Lysol)
- c. 1 gallon of water

Important information when using a cleaning solution:

If cleaning your aluminum with the solution above:

1. Be sure to thoroughly rinse the entire surface with fresh water from a garden hose immediately after washing, before the solution dries.
2. Be sure to accurately mix the solution using the measurements noted. Greater concentrations of chemicals may cause damage to the finish of the aluminum railing.